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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk and Executive Director
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

**Re: Informational Filing Concerning Stakeholder Engagement Related to
Carolinas Carbon Plan
Docket No. ND-2022-__-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“DEC”) and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (“DEP,” together with DEC, the “Companies”) hereby provide this informational update to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on stakeholder engagement the Companies are conducting as related to the Carolinas Carbon Plan. This matter is docketed with the North Carolina Utilities Commission pursuant to recent law, and attached is a recent filing made in North Carolina which details stakeholder engagement, including a recent January 25, 2022 meeting that included approximately 350 individuals from both South Carolina and North Carolina. The Companies remain committed to encouraging coordination between South Carolina and North Carolina on planning the energy transition to meet the needs of their customers in both states.

During the first Carolinas Carbon Plan stakeholder meeting, the Companies introduced the process and core objectives informing development of the initial Carolinas Carbon Plan, along with providing stakeholders an initial opportunity to learn about the technical inputs and assumptions that will drive the underlying modeling of the Carbon Plan. Attached hereto is the First Stakeholder Meeting Summary Report (“Summary Report”), which provides an overview of the first Carolinas Carbon Plan stakeholder meeting and a summary of topics discussed. The Companies have retained Great Plains Institute (“GPI”) to serve as the facilitator of the stakeholder process, and GPI prepared the Summary Report for the Companies. In addition to the Summary Report, the Companies are submitting the materials presented to stakeholders.

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As described more fully in GPI's Summary Report, the first stakeholder meeting received substantial participation, and the Companies sincerely appreciate the engaged participation and diverse feedback that was provided during the first stakeholder meeting. To ensure that the stakeholder process reflects the viewpoints of a comprehensive and diverse group of stakeholders, the Companies have undertaken significant efforts to extend invitations to and publicize this first stakeholder meeting, including reaching out to more than 500 known stakeholders. The success of these efforts is reflected in the wide array of participants, ranging from advocacy groups to private business to municipal governments to members of the public across South Carolina and North Carolina. The list of participating stakeholders is presented on pages 31-38 of the Summary Report.

The Companies wanted to ensure the Commission is aware of this activity, and that this filing ensures transparency. The Companies look forward to further engagement with interested stakeholders across the Carolinas as these important issues related to the Companies' system-wide energy transition are considered. The next stakeholder meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2022, which was communicated to meeting attendees at the January 25 meeting. Interested stakeholders may contact GPI at DukeCarbonPlan@gpisd.net to receive future communications about the ongoing stakeholder process.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S Wellborn', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sam Wellborn

Attachment

cc: Andrew Bateman, ORS (via email with attachment)